

National Service in Connecticut

Year in Review



MEETING NEEDS IN CONNECTICUT

Last year more than 1,800 Americans of all ages and backgrounds met local needs, strengthened communities, and expanded economic opportunity through national service in Connecticut. The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) invested more than \$10.3 million to support cost-effective community solutions, working hand in hand with local partners to empower citizens to solve problems. AmeriCorps members and Senior Corps volunteers are preparing today's students for tomorrow's jobs, reducing crime and reviving cities, connecting veterans to services, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, and rebuilding communities after disasters.

National service participants served at more than 400 locations across Connecticut, including schools, food banks, homeless shelters, health clinics, youth centers, veterans facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations. Through a unique public-private partnership, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$6.2 million in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2017. This local support strengthened community impact and increased the return on taxpayer dollars.

AMERICORPS



Last year, more than 700 AmeriCorps members met pressing local needs across Connecticut, making a lasting impact in communities while gaining valuable skills and experience to advance their careers. AmeriCorps members serve through one of three programs:

- **AmeriCorps State & National** engages men and women in intensive service at thousands of locations across the country through nonprofits, schools, public agencies, tribes, and community and faith-based groups. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the Connecticut Commission on Community Service, the Governor-appointed State Service Commission, which in turn awards grants to organizations to respond to local needs.
- **AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers In Service To America)** taps the skills, talents, and passion of Americans of all ages to support community efforts to overcome poverty.
- **AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps)** is a full-time, team-based residential program for 18-24 year-olds. Members develop leadership skills by serving in public safety, environment, and disaster projects. FEMA Corps, a unit of NCCC, focuses solely on disaster preparedness, response, and recovery.

In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award that can be used to pay for trade school, college, or graduate school; or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 14,000 Connecticut residents have served approximately 20 million hours and earned education awards totaling more than \$48.4 million.

SENIOR CORPS



Senior Corps taps the skills, talents, and experience of Americans age 55 and over to meet a wide range of community challenges. Last year, more than 1,100 Connecticut seniors met critical community needs while contributing to longer, healthier lives through one of three Senior Corps programs:

- **Foster Grandparents** serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to young people with exceptional needs.
- **Senior Companions** help homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence primarily in their own homes.
- **RSVP volunteers** conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services.

Last year in Connecticut, Foster Grandparents tutored and mentored 1,150 young people, Senior Companions helped 250 seniors live independently, and RSVP volunteers strengthened the impact of 100 organizations across the state.

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To see other reports about national service in Connecticut, please contact CT@cns.gov. The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. To learn more about the Corporation for National and Community Service, visit NationalService.gov or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

Our Focus Areas



Disaster Services



Economic & Workforce Development



Education



Energy & Conservation



Health & Aging



Veterans and Military Families

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At a Glance Report

| AmeriCorps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
|--|-----------|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| AmeriCorps National | 11 | 13 | 107 | \$497,403 | \$992,761 |
| AmeriCorps NCCC | 2 | 2 | 17 | - | - |
| AmeriCorps State | 12 | 155 | 505 | \$1,709,947 | \$1,830,445 |
| AmeriCorps VISTA | 13 | 49 | 92 | \$454,767 | \$1,297,544 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | 38 | 219 | 721 | \$2,662,116 | \$4,120,750 |
| Senior Corps | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| Foster Grandparent Program | 4 | 68 | 310 | - | \$1,445,687 |
| RSVP | 5 | 106 | 694 | - | \$401,856 |
| Senior Companion Program | 2 | 25 | 144 | - | \$654,270 |
| Senior Demonstration Program | 1 | 1 | 8 | - | - |
| SENIOR CORPS TOTAL | 12 | 200 | 1,156 | - | \$2,501,813 |
| Other Funding | Projects | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding |
| September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance | 1 | - | - | - | - |
| Social Innovation Fund Classic Subgrant | 4 | - | - | - | \$662,974 |
| State Commission Investment Funds | 1 | - | - | - | \$110,095 |
| State Commission Operations Support | 1 | - | - | - | \$250,000 |
| State Commission Program Development Grants | 1 | - | - | - | \$41,648 |
| OTHER FUNDING TOTAL | 8 | - | - | - | \$1,064,717 |
| PROGRAM TOTALS | 58 | 419 | 1,877 | \$2,662,116 | \$7,687,280 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (including Education Scholarships) | | | | | \$10,349,397 |
| TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources) | | | | | \$6,249,851 |
| TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROJECT SUPPORT | | | | | \$16,599,248 |

National service programs continue to improve lives and communities in Connecticut, with 557 AmeriCorps member and 1,411 Senior Corps volunteers currently serving.

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7. Total local project support reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees committed to raise in support of their completed grants. As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS grantees leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment.
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AmeriCorps

| City | Project Name Sponsor Organization | Program Type | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding | Current Participants |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgeport | Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,815 | \$16,125 | 1 |
| Bridgeport | Coastal Fairfield Co., HFH of Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 2 | \$11,550 | \$26,600 | 1 |
| Bridgeport | Cultural and Financial Development Program Goodwill of Western and Northern CT, Inc. | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Bridgeport | Great Oaks - Bridgeport Great Oaks Foundation Inc | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 57 | \$329,415 | \$714,210 | 52 |
| Bridgeport | Habitat for Humanity International Habitat for Humanity International-2012 | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$11,590 | \$32,779 | 1 |
| Bridgeport | International Institute of Connecticut U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,775 | - | 1 |
| Bridgeport | NeighborWorks VISTA Program Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Bridgeport | Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Jesuit Volunteer Corps Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,775 | \$9,674 | - |
| Bridgeport | Prevention Corps Regional Youth/Adult Social Action Partnership | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 1 | \$2,908 | \$6,673 | 16 |
| Bridgeport | Public Allies Connecticut Public Allies, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 20 | 31 | \$179,095 | \$375,440 | 26 |
| Cheshire Village | Service To Improve Community Health (STICH) Community Health Center Association of Connecticut | AmeriCorps State | 5 | 5 | \$29,075 | \$69,150 | 17 |
| Danbury | YVC of Western Connecticut Youth Volunteer Corps | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$2,865 | \$5,080 | - |
| East Hartford | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 10 | \$12,222 | \$20,109 | - |
| Georgetown | Affiliate Stewards Conservation Legacy | AmeriCorps Affiliate | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Georgetown | CL Environmental Stewards The Corps Network | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 2 | \$3,056 | \$390 | - |
| Georgetown | New York Academy of Sciences New York Academy of Sciences | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hartford | Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hartford | City of Hartford-Promise Zone City of Hartford | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 5 | \$29,035 | \$81,154 | 1 |
| Hartford | Connecticut Fair Housing Center, VLC Equal Justice Works | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$1,222 | \$2,646 | - |
| Hartford | Economic Mobility AmeriCorps VISTA Project United Way Worldwide | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Hartford | Education AmeriCorps VISTAs United Way Worldwide | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$11,550 | \$33,308 | - |
| Hartford | Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity (March 9 - April 21, 2017) Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 10 | - | - | - |
| Hartford | Hartford Area HFH Habitat for Humanity International, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 2 |

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|-------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Hartford | Hartford Thrive! Hands On Hartford | AmeriCorps VISTA | 4 | 8 | \$46,280 | \$132,174 | 5 |
| Hartford | Igniting the Way: pathway to college Grace Academy | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,815 | \$16,125 | 1 |
| Hartford | Jumpstart Hartford Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | - | - | - | - | 15 |
| Hartford | Notre Dame AmeriCorps - Hartford Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc. | AmeriCorps National | 3 | 15 | \$83,778 | \$140,280 | 12 |
| Hartford | United Way Youth and Parent Success Project United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| Hartford | YouthBuild Hartford, CT YouthBuild USA, Inc | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 24 | \$36,643 | \$56,906 | 21 |
| Litchfield | EdAdvance Health360 | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 1 | \$5,775 | \$12,325 | - |
| Manchester | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 18 | \$22,051 | \$36,196 | 13 |
| New Britain | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 3 | 53 | \$64,956 | \$106,576 | 20 |
| New Britain | NeighborWorks VISTA Program Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 3 | \$8,236 | \$23,479 | 1 |
| New Haven | Experience Corps Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | AmeriCorps State | 14 | 25 | \$30,861 | \$69,498 | - |
| New Haven | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 4 | 40 | \$48,914 | \$80,435 | 38 |
| New Haven | LEAP AmeriCorps Leadership, Education and Athletics in Partnership | AmeriCorps State | 5 | 50 | \$76,389 | \$181,577 | - |
| New Haven | NeighborWorks VISTA Program Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 3 | \$12,781 | \$36,721 | 2 |
| New Haven | PAVE New Haven Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 8 | 16 | \$92,400 | \$266,464 | - |
| New Haven | PAVE New Haven VISTA Project Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 2 | 2 | \$11,630 | \$32,250 | 10 |
| New Haven | Relay Teaching Residency CT Relay Graduate School of Education | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 6 | \$34,890 | \$3,228 | 23 |
| New Haven | Teach For America-Connecticut Teach For America | AmeriCorps State | 67 | 142 | \$820,050 | \$71,000 | 106 |
| New London | Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 2 |
| New Preston | Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative (June 10 - July 8, 2017) Litchfield Hills Greenprint Collaborative | AmeriCorps NCCC | 1 | 7 | - | - | - |
| Norwalk | Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Rockville | CT Food Justice VISTA Project University of Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 12 | 30 | \$109,830 | \$311,597 | 15 |
| Rockville | FoodCorps Connecticut FoodCorps, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 16 | 21 | \$121,315 | \$248,850 | 19 |

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|-------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Rockville | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 3 | 22 | \$26,923 | \$44,239 | 24 |
| South Coventry | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 8 | \$9,786 | \$16,087 | 8 |
| Stonington | NESS SEA AmeriCorps Program New England Science & Sailing Foundation | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 11 | \$63,605 | \$146,300 | 13 |
| Storrs | CT Campus Compact University of Connecticut | AmeriCorps VISTA | 14 | 16 | \$92,400 | \$266,464 | - |
| Storrs | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 2 | 2 | \$2,453 | \$4,022 | 8 |
| Tariffville | Anti-Hunger and Opportunity Corps Hunger Free America | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 2 | \$11,590 | \$32,779 | - |
| Tariffville | FIRST AmeriCorps VISTA FIRST | AmeriCorps VISTA | 1 | 1 | \$5,815 | \$16,125 | 1 |
| Waterbury | CT AHEC Network AmeriCorps Program Health360 | AmeriCorps State | 4 | 12 | \$69,340 | \$161,160 | 10 |
| Waterbury | Health360 Health360 | AmeriCorps National | 1 | 2 | \$11,550 | \$24,650 | 2 |
| West Hartford | Farmington, CT LOG R01-3122-CT-LOG-XXX (March 29, 2018 - Current) FEMA-Region 1 HQ-Boston | AmeriCorps NCCC | - | - | - | - | 8 |
| West Haven | Campus Compact Southern New England AmeriCorps*VISTA Campus Compact | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Westport | Horizons National Horizons National | AmeriCorps VISTA | - | - | - | - | 1 |
| Wethersfield | EdCorpsCT Governors Partnership to Protect Connecticut's Workforce | AmeriCorps State | 1 | 8 | \$46,200 | \$109,471 | 10 |
| Willimantic | Jumpstart Connecticut Jumpstart for Young Children, Inc. | AmeriCorps State | 3 | 40 | \$48,914 | \$80,435 | 40 |
| AMERICORPS TOTAL | | | 219 | 721 | \$2,662,116 | \$4,120,750 | 557 |

Senior Corps

| City | Project Name Sponsor Organization | Program Type | Service Locations | Completed Participants | Education Scholarships | Federal Funding | Current Participants |
|------------|---|-------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgeport | Bridgeport FGP Child and Family Guidance Center | Foster Grandparent Program | 19 | 93 | - | \$412,046 | - |
| Danbury | The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut, Inc. The Community Action Agency of Western Connecticut | RSVP | 20 | - | - | - | 106 |
| Hartford | Foster Grandparent Program NBBBS Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | 20 | 54 | - | \$246,714 | 100 |
| Hartford | Greater Hartford-Central CT RSVP Community Renewal Team, Inc. | RSVP | 28 | 375 | - | \$162,460 | 375 |
| Hartford | Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters Inc. II Nutmeg Big Brothers/Sisters Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | - | 38 | - | \$203,257 | - |

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|---------------------------|---|---------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Jewett City | Thames Valley Council for Community Action Thames Valley Council for Community Action | RSVP | - | - | - | - | 79 |
| New Haven | Experience Corps - Greater New Haven Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Senior Demonstration Program | 1 | 8 | - | - | - |
| New Haven | Foster Grandparent Program of Greater New Haven Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Foster Grandparent Program | 12 | 69 | - | \$317,400 | - |
| New Haven | Greater New Haven FGP Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Foster Grandparent Program | - | - | - | - | 69 |
| New Haven | Greater New Haven SCP Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | Senior Companion Program | 11 | 80 | - | \$363,070 | 80 |
| New Haven | RSVP of South Central CT Agency on Aging of South Central Connecticut | RSVP | 19 | - | - | - | 162 |
| New London | Windham/Tolland & Southern New London Thames Valley Council for Community Action | RSVP | 14 | 139 | - | \$111,074 | 139 |
| Waterbury | Central Naugatuck Valley FGP New Opportunities, Inc. | Foster Grandparent Program | 17 | 56 | - | \$266,270 | 56 |
| Waterbury | New Opportunities Inc. RSVP New Opportunities, Inc. | RSVP | 25 | 180 | - | \$128,322 | 181 |
| Waterbury | New Opportunities Senior Companion Program New Opportunities, Inc. | Senior Companion Program | - | - | - | - | 64 |
| Waterbury | New Opportunities, Inc. Senior Companion Program New Opportunities, Inc. | Senior Companion Program | 14 | 64 | - | \$291,200 | - |
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Other Funding

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|--|--|--|----------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Bridgeport | 2015 - 9/11 Day of Service and Remembrance Service For Peace | September 11th National Day of Service and Remembrance | - | - | - | - | - |
| Hartford | Connecticut Commission on Community Service | State Commission Investment Funds | - | - | - | \$110,095 | - |
| Hartford | Connecticut Commission on Community Service | State Commission Operations Support | - | - | - | \$250,000 | - |
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| Hartford | AIDS CT (formerly CARC) Corporation for Supportive Housing (2011) | Social Innovation Fund Classic Subgrant | - | - | - | \$323,141 | - |
| Hartford | Capital Workforce Partners Jobs for the Future (2015) OYIF | Social Innovation Fund Classic Subgrant | - | - | - | \$256,500 | - |
| New Haven | City of New Haven, CT National Council on Crime and Delinquency | Social Innovation Fund Classic Subgrant | - | - | - | \$83,333 | - |
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